UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY **REGION III**

1650 Arch Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

November 10, 2014

Ms. Dana Cooper, Esq. City of Baltimore, Department of Public Works 200 N. Holiday Street Baltimore, MD 21202

Re: Administrative Order on Consent Docket No. SDWA-03-2010-123-DS

Dear Ms. Cooper:

This letter is in response to Mr. Rudolph Chow's August 29, 2014 letter to Ms. Lisa Donahue and Mr. Philip Yeany, which requests that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) extend the deadlines for the City of Baltimore to bring its Guilford, Druid, and Ashburton Reservoirs into compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act (Act). To properly respond to the City's request, we need additional information from the City, and EPA would like to hold a conference call or in-person meeting to discuss the potential amendments to the Administrative Order on Consent (AOC). We have already contacted the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) and invited them to participate.

To facilitate the discussion and to evaluate the reasonableness of the request, we request the City to provide the following information before further discussion:

Guilford Reservoir: The estimated date for the City issuing the Notice to Proceed and the date to complete construction of the project; and

Druid and Ashburton Reservoirs: The City's estimated dates for the design stage preliminary submittal to MDE, design stage completion submittal to MDE, completion of any additional public/other review period, bid issuance, issuing the construction notice to proceed, and completing construction of the project. Also for the Druid and Ashburton Reservoirs, we are interested in knowing whether the City has picked sites for the two projects.

Please contact Mr. Yeany by November 18, 2014, to make arrangements for the meeting. He can be reached at 215-814-2495 or yeany.philip@epa.gov.

Respectfully,

Karen D. Johnson, Chief Ground Water & Enforcement Branch

Cc: Mr. Saeid Kasraei